

Richard Heinberg biography

Richard Heinberg is the author of fourteen books, including some of the seminal works on society's current energy and environmental sustainability crisis:

Power: Limits and Prospects for Human Survival (2021) [Now available for pre-order](#)

Our Renewable Future: Laying the Path for One Hundred Percent Clean Energy, co-authored with David Fridley (2016)

Afterburn: Society Beyond Fossil Fuels (2015)

Snake Oil: How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils Our Future (2013)

The End of Growth: Adapting to Our New Economic Reality (2011)

Blackout: Coal, Climate, and the Last Energy Crisis (2009)

Peak Everything: Waking Up to the Century of Declines (2007)

The Oil Depletion Protocol: A Plan to Avert Oil Wars, Terrorism & Economic Collapse (2006)

Powerdown: Options & Actions for a Post-Carbon World (2004)

The Party's Over: Oil, War & the Fate of Industrial Societies (2003)

He is Senior Fellow-in-Residence of the [Post Carbon Institute](#) and is regarded as one of the world's foremost advocates for a shift away from our current reliance on fossil fuels. He has authored hundreds of essays and articles, which have appeared in *Nature*, *Reuters*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The American Prospect*, *Public Policy Research*, *Quarterly Review*, *Literary Review*, *Yes!*, and *The Sun*; and on web sites such as Resilience.org, CommonDreams.org, Alternet.org, ProjectCensored.com, and Counterpunch.com.

Richard has delivered hundreds of lectures on energy and climate issues to audiences on 6 continents, addressing policy makers at many levels, from local City Councils to members of the European Parliament. He has been quoted and interviewed countless times for print (including for *Reuters*, the *Associated Press*, and *Time Magazine*), television (including Good Morning America, National Geographic, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Al-Jazeera, and C-SPAN), and radio (including NPR, WABC, and Air America).

Richard has appeared in many film and television documentaries, including Leonardo DiCaprio's *11th Hour*. He is a recipient of the M. King Hubbert Award for Excellence in Energy Education, and in 2012 was appointed to His Majesty the King of Bhutan's International Expert Working Group for the New Development Paradigm initiative.

Richard wrote and narrated Post Carbon Institute's animated video [300 Years of Fossil Fuels in 300 Seconds](#) (winner of a YouTube's/DoGooder 2011 Video of the Year Award), which has viewed by nearly two million people and translated into multiple languages. He is also the author and narrator of Post Carbon Institute's 22-video [Think Resilience online course](#).